

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Response to Amendment. The Applicants apologize for any confusion regarding the amendment and specification. The changes to the specification and the claims were intended as the Examiner suggests, and as the Examiner acted on with respect to this action. Therefore, no additional action regarding either the specification or the claims appears to be necessary.

With respect to the new matter objection, the paragraph added at the end of the substitute specification has been deleted. Therefore, the Applicants respectfully request that this rejection be withdrawn.

Information Disclosure Statement. The Applicants have reviewed the references cited in the specification and the information disclosure statement which was filed with the application. The references cited were disclosed in the information disclosure statement, were reviewed by the Examiner, and are initialed on a PTO – 1449 form. The Applicants therefore submit that they are in compliance with 37 C.F.R. 1.98, and that no additional action is required with respect to the information disclosure statement.

Drawings

The drawings were objected to because reference numeral 11 is not on the drawings and reference numeral 10a refers to a cover and a collar part. In response, the paragraph on page 5, line 14 has been amended to remove reference number 11 and to clarify the language related to part 10a. In view of these amendments, the Applicants respectfully request that the objections to the drawings be withdrawn.

Specification

The abstract has been rejected as containing legal phraseology. In response, the abstract has been amended to remove the “means” terminology which was objected to. In view of the amendment, the Applicants respectfully request that the objection to the abstract be withdrawn.

The specification has also been objected to as incorporating essential matter by reference to a foreign application or publication. Essential matter is matter which provides the essential novelty or the essence of the invention. The reference cited describes background information regarding “position adjustment mechanisms”, many of which are known in the art, and is not intended to incorporate any essential material by reference. In response, therefore, the reference to the foreign application has been deleted. Therefore, the Applicants respectfully request that this objection to the specification be withdrawn.

Rejection under 35 USC Section 112

The claims have been rejected as failing to comply with the enablement requirement due to confusion with the specification pages 4 – 5, regarding Fig. 4, particularly with respect to parts 10a, 10b, and 11, and parts 3, 3a and 10a. Parts 10a and 11 have been clarified as described above in reference to objections to the drawings. With respect to parts 3, 3a, and 10, as described in the specification on page 5, the bottom part 3 is the bottom part of the cabin. The part 3a is the inner surface of bottom part 3, as shown by the lead line. Part 10b is the portion of the inner surface 3a which is exposed during movement of the base 9, and is indicated as such. The drawings, in conjunction with the description, are therefore believed to adequately describe the invention for purposes of enablement, and the Applicants respectfully request that the rejection under 35 USC Section 112, paragraph 1 be withdrawn.

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Claims 1, 5, 6, 10, 11, 13, 17 and 18 have been amended to rectify the problems cited with respect to 35 USC Section 112, paragraph 2. In view of these amendments, the Applicants respectfully request that the rejection under this section be withdrawn.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, the Applicants submit that the application is in condition for allowance, and respectfully request that a notice of allowance be issued.

A one month extension fee is believed to be due in conjunction with this response, and authorization for this fee is enclosed herewith. However, if any additional fee are required, the Commissioner is authorized to charge any fees under 37 CFR § 1.17 that may be due on this application to Deposit Account 17-0055. The Commissioner is also authorized to treat this amendment and any future reply in this matter requiring a petition for an extension of time as incorporating a petition for extension of time for the appropriate length of time as provided by 37 CFR § 136(a)(3).

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